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## (54) CUTTING TOOL OF CUBIC BORON NITRIDE-BASED SINTERED COMPACT (57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a high-performance cutting tool of a cubic boron nitridebased sintered compact without falling off of eBN grains during the cutting of high-hardness quenched steel or cast iron or causing wearing out or deficiency of the tool due to the wearing out or falling off of a binder while retaining mechanical and thermal characteristics.

SOLUTION: This cubic boron nitride-based sintered compact is composed of a cubic boron nitride-based sintered compact containing 30-90 vol.% of a fine granular cubic boron nitride having  $\leq 1 \mu m$  average grain diameter and 10-70 vol.% of coarse granular cubic boron nitride having  $\leq 1 \mu m$  average grain diameter and further containing AIN and AI2O3 in a binder. Furthermore, the sintered compact has both the ratio (11/12) of the first peak intensity (11) of a boride containing a group 4a, 5a or 6a element of the periodic table to the first peak intensity (12) of the cubic boron nitride and the ratio (11/13) of the first peak intensity (11) to the first peak intensity (13) of a nonborided compound containing the above element within the range of 0.05-0.5 in an X-ray diffractometric measurement using KaI radiation of Cu.

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